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1. KEITH HITCHINS AND CAO MET FEBRUARY 26 WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF U.S. AND ROMANIAN FULBRIGHT LECTURER PROGRAMS. DURING MEETING, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY INVITATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE FOR 1975-76 WERE REVIEWED; NEED FOR PROMPT RESPONSE BY MINED EITHER AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE WAS EMPHASIZED. (IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CIES CONTACTING ROBERT GARFIAS AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC TO OBTAIN FURTHER IDENTIFICATION AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION OF THREE MUSICIANS REQUESTED FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR. TO BE NOMINATED FOR PROGRAM, THREE MUST BE ON STAFF OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION INSTITUTION. OTHERWISE, EMBASSY WILL INFORM COUNCIL OF SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION OF THIS OPPORTUNITY WHICH WOULD, IN THAT CASE, NOT BE PART OF FULBRIGHT LECTURER EXCHANGE.)

2. MINISTRY SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL MEETING O/A MARCH 17 AT WHICH MINISTRY WOULD PROVIDE SPECIFIC INVITATIONS FOR AMERICAN LECTURERS DURING 1975-76. PRIOR TO THAT TIME, HITCHINS PLANS TO FOLLOW-UP RECENT EMBASSY CALLS AT SEVERAL INSTITUTIONS HERE TO DETERMINE THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM. WITH FIRST GROUP OF NOMINEES FROM CIES ALREADY  
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IN HAND, WE PLAN DURING MARCH 17 SESSION TO MATCH AMERICAN

NOMINEES WITH MINISTRY INVITATIONS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL FORWARD ANY ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS AS CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED BY CURRENT GROUP OF RENEWALS AND NEW NOMINATIONS TO CIES FORATTEMPT TO RECRUIT CANDIDATES. NEW NOMINATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE REFLECT FACT THAT COMMITTEE MET PRIOR TO NEGOTIATION OF NEW PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES AND ARE, THUS, BASED ON PREVIOUS RECURRING POSITIONS IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AT BUCHAREST, CLUJ, IASI, AND TIMISOARA. WE HAVE EMPAHSIZED FLEXIBILITY OF NEW PROGRAM IN THAT ONLY FOUR OF EIGHT ARE TO BE CONSIDEREDIFN LANGUAGE, LITERATURE,IYND CIVILIZATION WHILE OTHERS MAY BE "IN MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FIELDS." IN ADDITION, WE EXPECT RE-QUESTS UNDER ARTICLE I, SECTIONKT (D).

3. TO ENABW US TO RESPOND TO MINISTRY INVITATIONS ON MARCH 1-1 WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION RE FOLLOWING: THOMAS KRAL OF UNIVERSITY OFHALLINOIS, PRESENTLY U.S. LECTURER IN LANGUAGE AT UNIVERSITY OF CLUJ, HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RENEWING FOR 1975-76. EMBASSY DESIRES ZHO RETAIN KRAL DUE TO HIS EXCELLENT ESL BACKGROUND. HE DESIRES, HOWEVER, "INCREASE IN MY U.S. SALARY TO \$15,000" (BASED ON FACT Q WILL OBTAIN PH.D. IN SUMMER 1975) AS A CONDITION FOR H J RENEWAL. EMBASSY DEFERS TO CU JUDGMENT THIS MATTER BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE DECISION PRIOR MARCH 17 TO ALLOW US TO INFORM KRAL AND TO MAKE 75-76 PLACEMENTS.

4. IN ADDITION TO KRAL, WE ARE CONSIDERING LINDA REICHMAN AND DAVID HODGDON AS RENEWALS. BOTH HAVE DONE EXCELLENT WORK HERE. EMBASSY SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, AND REICHMAN CONCURS THAT, WITH APPROVAL OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SHE MOVE TO IASI POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE FOR SECOND YEAR. HODGDON'S RENEWAL IS COMPLICATED BY DIFFICULT HOUS UG SITUATION IN TIMISOARA WHERE SMALL APARTMENT CANNOT ACCOMMODATE FAMILY. (COINCIDENTALLY WITH NOMINATION OF UNIVERSITY OF TIMISOARA PRO-RECTOR AS FULBRIGHT RESEARCHER FOR 75-76, EMBASSY HAS BEEN "PROMISED" NEW APARTMENT IN JUNE. WE CANNOT, HOWEVER, RELY ON THIS.) SINCE HODGDON HAS BEEN GIVEN LEAVE BY HIS U.S. UNIVERSITY, WE ARE PRESENTLY CONSIDERING MOVING HIM TO CLUJ.

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5. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ADVISE RE KRAL. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ON OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR PLACEMENT FOLLOWING MARCH 17 MEETING AT MINISTRY.  
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